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GUIF

1.1 GUIF v1.3 by Andy Aldridge

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1.2 This is what it is...

GUIF is a GUI front end for AmiTCP's Finger command, I found that
I used the finger command only occasionally, and always to the
same three or four places and I thought that it'd be nice not to
have to type in long addresses every time I used it.
I tried a number of varying ways of doing this, all of which
worked, but none of which were particularly attractive, and then
someone on demon.ip.support.amiga mentioned a snazzy little
utility that goes by the name " AskEnv " and this was just the thing
I was looking for to make my GUI-Finger into something mildly
attractive.
I'm very new to Arexx and so you'll probably find that the script
is very inefficient but it works and I'm happy in that!
So now there's a much easier way to find out if news2 is down
again!!

1.3   This is what you need...

GUIF requires a number of things...

Obviously it needs an Amiga (and what right minded person

wouldn't have one of those?) that is running Arexx and AmiTCP.

It needs the utility " AskEnv " to be somewhere in your path, I

keep it in AmiTCP:bin.

It needs a text viewer of some sort, it defaults to Multiview,

but this can quite easily be changed (see Installation).

It needs the wonderful RexxReqTools

It needs you to understand that as a new boy at all this I may

have made mistakes, and to forgive me for that!

1.4   This is what you do with it...

Place GUIF and it's Icon any where you wish, if you intend using

it from the CLI you should put it somewhere in your path (for

ease of use)

GUIF looks for a file called GUIF .config in the AmiTCP:db

directory, if it can't find it it gives you the option of

creating one.

The GUIF .config should be in the form....

anything beginning with a "#" is ignored as are blank lines

aald@post.demon.co.uk

motd@gate.demon.co.uk

and@so.on

....and should contain no more than eight finger locations, any

more will be ignored.

1.5   This is how you use it...

From the Workbench double click on the incredibly artistic

GUIF icon (drawn in the style of Tony Hancock in "The Rebel").

From the CLI the template is...

GUIF [CONFIG]

if the CONFIG keyword is used GUIF will create a new GUIF .config

file - overwriting the old one.

I use it by launching it from a ToolManager dock, and I'd

recommend anyone (and everyone) to get hold of Stefan Becker's

incredible utility!!

1.6   And this is me...

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Any bug reports criticisms or comments gratefully received,
would anyone who improves on this script in any way be so kind
as to send me a copy of the modified script I'm always keen
to see just where I went wrong.

This is my first Arexx project, and as such I know that it isn't
perfect, so any Arexx gurus out there who want to tell me what
I've done wrong please, please do.

All my Arexx knowledge has come from reading other peoples
scripts so I'd like to credit these people who have unknowingly
helped me, the main ones are...

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Mat Bettinson mat@darkside.demon.co.uk

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Woody Allen

Pale Saints

and Minnie for clogging up the keyboard with hair.

Legal Guff

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Aldridge, it may be distributed on disk, CDROM or by any other
method so long as the charge is no more than the cost of the
materials, the post and the packaging.

All necessary steps have been taken to ensure that GUIF is in
full working order, however I cannot be held responsible should
this script in any way damage your computer or your sanity.

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1.7 AskEnv

AskEnv is a snazzy little utility that creates GUIs from text
files.
It was written by Bengt Giger and is available on Aminet...
dev/gui/ AskEnv .lha

1.8 ToolManager

EVERY Amiga should have tool manager it's fabby, it adds stuff to
your Tools menu it puts docks on your screen, it plays samples,
it juggles and it makes a very nice Mushroom Lasagne.
It was written by Stefan Becker and is available on Aminet...
util/boot/ ToolManager 21b.lha

1.9 RexxReqTools

RexxReqTools is brilliant it gives Arexx users access to lots of
different requesters.
It was written by Rafael D'Halleweyn and is available on Aminet..
util/rexx/ RexxReqTools .lha

1.10 Minnie

Oh yes, Minnie's a cat!
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